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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 21, 25, 38, and 40-48 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 6-8, 14, 20, 22, 23, 30, and 36 as follows:

1. (Amended) In one of a cooler, visi-cooler, walk-in cooler and glass-door cooler having fixed or adjustable shelves, the improvement comprising:

a shelf structure[on or under one of the shelves, wherein the shelf structure comprises] configured to rest on and engage one of the shelves which is horizontal or inclined, the shelf structure comprising:

a front rod-like member (10a) and at least one other rod-like member (10b, 10c) rearwardly spaced from the front rod-like member (10a) and, together with the front rod-like member (10a), defining a first plane (16) and configured to support additional shelving above the first plane;

a framework (22b) defining a second plane; and

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